

REPORT
OF THE SELECTMEN
AND OTHER
TOWN OFFICERS
—OF THE—
TOWN OF STODDARD, N. H.,
—FOR THE—
Year Ending March 1st, 1886.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF STODDARD

APRIL 1ST, 1885.

Resident Invoice,	\$149,318.
Non-resident Invoice,	55,508.
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TOTAL INVOICE,	\$204,826.

The State, County, Town, School, and School-house taxes are assessed at the rate of \$1.18 on the hundred.

The amount required to be raised A. D. 1885 was as follows:—

State Tax,	\$420.00
County “	290.88
Town “	1,000.00
School “	617.50
School-house Tax,	50.00
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TOTAL,	\$2,378.38

RECEIPTS FOR 1885.

Rec'd Cash in Treasury March 1st, 1885,	\$432.17
“ Solon A. Carter, Bounty on woodchucks,	73.20
“ Samuel Bentote, Rent on Tyler lot,	1.20
“ County for Support of poor,	441.90
“ J. M. Rice, Collector for 1884,	350.00
“ G. Stacy, note and Bal. on execution,	226.86
“ J. M. Rice, O. H. Harding's highway Tax,	13.83
“ J. M. Rice, Int. on Taxes in 1884,	5.35
“ J. M. Rice, Taxes 1885,	2,550.00
“ Solon A. Carter, Savings Bank Tax,	504.69
“ “ “ Literary Fund,	69.54
“ “ “ Bounty on Woodchucks,	35.40
“ “ Moses Stenchfield, rent on the Ryder place,	3.00

Rec'd Oscar H. Robb, Taxes 1883,	27.95
" " " Interest on Taxes,	1.46
" F. S. Reed, grass in old Cemetery,	2.00
" J. F. Whittemore, Bounty overdrawn,	4.60
TOTAL,	<hr/> \$4,643.15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Principle and Interest on Town Notes.	
Paid N. Stevens, Interest,	\$260.00
" Wm. Dodge, "	20.00
" Chastina Shedd, "	44.00
" C. P. Pitcher, Note & Interest,	202.67
" F. S. Lewis, " "	208.00
" Cong. Society, " "	114.40
TOTAL,	<hr/> \$849.07

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid Solon A. Carter, State Tax,	\$420.00
" Jerome E. Wright, Co. "	290.88
TOTAL,	<hr/> \$710.88

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid J. M. Rice,	\$684.67
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SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid E. B. Dodge,	645.00
" O. B. McClure for Nelson,	24.50
TOTAL,	<hr/> \$669.50

REPAIRING SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Paid E. B. Dodge,	\$43.00
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REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES IN 1885.

PAID	W. H. Thorning,	\$2.50
"	C. B. McClure,	11.85
"	Chas. Avery,	23.17
"	John D. Tuttle,	1.12
"	Wm. F. Abbott,	18.51
"	Geo. R. Jefts,	11.38
"	F. A. Whittemore,	5.90
"	Geo. W. Stevens,	3.18
"	J. D. Hall,	1.75
"	H. W. Reed,	10.93
"	O. H. Harding,	10.00
"	Edward Morse,	12.00
"	E. B. Gee, Plank & Stringers,	30.22
"	D. E. Swett,	9.27
"	Geo. H. Kiblin,	9.00
"	Geo. H. Lane,	6.65
"	D. D. Sargent,	6.45
"	James H. Stevens,	11.85
"	J. M. Robb,	36.02
"	" " Damage to plow.	1.80
"	J. F. Whittemore,	19.19
"	B. H. Griffiths, Plow	4.50
"	C. P. Jefts,	3.96
"	Asa Davis,	24.30
"	Frank E. Davis,	9.00
"	J. D. Cutter,	8.07
"	Henry Wilson,	1.57
"	W. W. Robb,	6.00
"	N. D. Curtis,	4.20
"	Nathan Stacy,	2.21
"	C. X. Cutter,	12.90

 \$317.65

Non-resident highway tax worked, 46.87

 TOTAL, \$364.52

BREAKING ROADS IN 1885.

Paid N. P. Waldron. \$3.60

" W. H. Thorning.	\$16.05
" Wm. L. Abbott.	4.00
" N. D. Curtis.	42.82
" Geo. H. Kiblin.	1.20
" James. E. Reed.	1.03
" Wm. Walker.	2.63
" Jonas Hadley,	3.40
" J. D. Hale,	8.70
" B. H. Griffiths,	2.02
" D. D. Sargent,	7.31
" F. A. Whittemore,	1.80
" James H. Stevens,	9.60
" C. O'Neil,	4.80
" Riley Barrett,	4.05
" Chas. P. Jefts,	2.00
" J. W. Carr,	1.00
" Asa Davis,	3.75
" J. D. Cutter,	6.35
" Henry Wilson,	6.15
" H. E. Proctor,60
" Henry Shoults,	18.34
" Gilman Stacy,	11.00
" D. D. Sargent,	5.56

TOTAL,

\$167.76

BREAKING ROADS IN 1886.

Paid N. D. Curtis,	\$5.10
" F. A. Whittemore,	2.70
" J. M. Robb,	1.50
" Henry Shoults,	2.25
" E. H. Tuttle,	1.15
" J. F. Whittemore,	3.12

TOTAL,

\$15.82

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENCES.

Paid F. H. Howe Printing reports.	\$10.00
" M. W. Tappan, & others, Counsel fees,	6.00
" W. H. Spalter Stationery,	3.45
" M. Perkins, returning births & deaths,	3.25

Paid J. F. Whittemore, Bounty on Wood-	
chucks,	\$35.40
" P. F. Fox, Repairing Town Hall,	3.60
" I. G. Anthoin, returning births&deaths,	1.75
" H. W. Reed, Wood for Town Hall,	3.00
" Batchelder and Faulkner, Costs Town	
of Stoddard Vs. Stevens & others,	3.80
" G. H. Tilden, Order book,	4.75
" L. Wellington, Insure Town Hall,	23.50
" F. L. Weeks, Damage on highway,	8.00
" Batchelder & Faulkner, Retainer for	
1884 & 1885,	12.00
" J. F. Whittemore, Postage & Express,	1.15
" Wm. L. Abbott, use of Watering tub,	3.00
" J. M. Rice, Lumber,	26.07
" Morris Christie, returning Births and	
Deaths for 1885,	1.50
TOTAL,	\$150.22

DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

Paid C. Fairfield,	\$3.50
" S. J. & M. N. Robb,	7.00
" John H. Boutell,	6.50
" Geo. W. Stevens,	7.00
" Gilman Stacy,	9.00
TOTAL,	\$33.00

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid C. P. Pitcher, Treasurer,	\$5.00
" E. Stevens, "	20.00
" C. B. Mc Clure, on Board of Educa-	
tion in 1884,	5.00
" W. S. Tuttle, Clerk,	25.00
" O. H. Robb, Supervisor,	5.00
" " " Collecting taxes,	.49
" W. H. Chase, Supervisor,	3.50
" J. F. Whittemore, }	57.00
" D. D. Sargent, } Selectmen,	35.00
" F. S. Reed, }	31.00

Paid J. M. Rice, Overseer,	\$25.00
" " " Collector. 1881 2 & 4	10.39
" " " " 1885	36.75
TOTAL,	<u>\$259.13</u>

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

J. M. Rice, Book of 1884	\$22.01
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AMOUNT OF TOWN NOTES OUTSTANDING.

E. Stevens, Int, from Jan. 1st,	\$6,500.00
Chastina ^s Shedd, Int. from Jan. 1st,	1,100.00
William Dodge, " "	500.00
TOTAL,	<u>\$8,100.00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

SELECTMEN,	DR.
To funds received from all sources,	\$4,643.15

SELECTMEN,	CR.
By Amount paid on Town Notes,	849.07
" State & County Taxes,	710.88
" Support of Poor,	684.67
" Support of Schools,	669.50
" Highways and Bridges,	364.52
" Breaking Roads,	183.58
" Repairing School-houses,	43.00
" Miscellaneous Expenses,	150.22
" Damage done by Dogs,	33.00
" Town Officers,	259.13
TOTAL,	<u>\$3,947.57</u>

LIABILITIES.

Due on Town Notes,	\$8,100.00
" The School District for Schooling,	139.56
" For Repairs,	7.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES,	<u>\$8,246.56</u>

ASSETS.

Due from O. A. Robb, Coll. for 1883,	\$27.12
" From J. M. Rice, Coll. for 1884,	26.69
" " " " " 1885,	386.12
" From County, Support of Poor,	204.59
" From J. M. Rice, Coll. for 1882,	4.54
" On Collector's Books for 1875 & 76,	427.58
" From Jonas Taylor, Rent on Tyler lot,	1.20
" From E. Stevens, Treasurer,	695.58
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TOTAL ASSETS,	\$1,773.42

Total Liabilities,	\$8,246.56
Total Assets,	1,773.14
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TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS,	\$6,473.14

Amount of Town Debt reported in 1885,	\$7,048.92
" " " " in 1886,	6,473.14
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REDUCTION OF DEBT,	\$575.78

Respectfully Submitted.

J. F. Whittemore,	} Selectmen of Stoddard.
Daniel Sargent,	
Frederick S. Reed,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I respectfully submit the following report of the financial transactions of the town of Stoddard, for the year ending March 1st, 1886.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1, '85;	\$432.17
Rec'd of Solon A. Carter, Bounty on Woodchucks,	73.20

Rece'd of Solon A. Carter, Bounty,	35.40
" " " Savings Bank Tax,	504.69
" " " Literary Fund,	69.54
" J. M. Rice, Collector for 1885,	2,450.00
" " " " 1884,	350.00
" " " Interest on Taxes,	5.35
" " " Support of County Poor,	441.90
" of J. F. Whittemore, Selectman,	226.86
" of Oscar H. Robb, Taxes for 1883,-	27.95
" " " Interest on same,	1.46
" of F. S. Reed, grass on old Cemetery,	2.00
" J. F. Whittemore, Rent on Ryder place,	3.00
" " " " on Tyler lot,	1.20
" " " Overdrawn for Bounty,	4.60
" O. H. Harding, Highway Tax,	13.88

TOTAL

\$4,643.15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by order of the Selectmen for Support	
of Schools,	\$669.50
" for Support of Poor,	684.67
" S. A. Carter, State Tax,	420.00
" Jerome E. Wright, Co. Tax,	290.88
" Repairing Highways & Bridges, 1885,	364.52
" Breaking Roads in 1885 & '86,	183.58
" Miscellaneous Expenses,	150.22
" Services of Town Officers,	259.13
" Principle & Interest on Town Notes,	841.07
" Damage done by Dogs in 1885,	33.00
" Repairing School-houses,	43.00

TOTAL,

\$3,947.57

Total Amount received for the Year	
ending March 1st, 1886,	\$4,643.15
Total Amount of Disbursements,	3,947.57

Balance in hands of Treasurer March 1st, 1886, \$695.58

E. STEVENS, TREASURER

OVERSEER'S REPORT.

Statement of expenses of the Town of Stoddard, for the support of poor for the year ending March 1st, 1886.

Paid aid for Norman A. Howe, Co. charge,	\$70.00
" " Amanda M. Wells, " "	60.00
" " Emeline Woods, " "	55.00
" " E. D. Loveland, " "	16.67
" " John Barron & wife, " "	81.09
" " Frank L. Thurston, " "	103.72
" " Lottie Thomas, " "	11.95
" " George Shedd, " "	22.50
" " Mrs. Antoine Drinkwine. " "	8.00
" " Mrs. Jennie Bates " "	57.83
" " Daniel Blanchard, " "	45.58
" " Stilman Nash " "	10.75
" " A. H. Waldron & family, " "	28.09
" Alfred Beckwith & wife, Town charge,	159.69
" Aid to Tramps, " "	3.00
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TOTAL,	\$735.87

RECEIPTS.

Received of Town Treasurer,	\$684.67
" on Goods & Chattels sale of Alfred Beckwith,	51.20
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TOTAL,	\$735.87

JOSIAH M. RICE, OVERSEER.



SCHOOL REPORT

FOR THE
TOWN OF STODDARD.

IN reporting to you the condition and progress of your schools and scholars, I take pleasure in assuring you, that, as citizens of this town, we all are justified in congratulating each the other, on account of the increase of opportunities now open for our scholars to acquire for themselves that degree of advancement which is so important a factor in our success in after life, and which will, if improved by them, enable them to start on an equality with the average New England girl or boy.

This end has been attained we believe only through your liberality and the adoption of the one District system which you wisely accepted two years since, and to-day we find ourselves in perfect sailing trim, with a plenty of lea way when so many of our sister towns are obliged to "heave to" and take up the new chart.

The plan adopted by your former board of giving to each scholar an equal number of weeks schooling in the year has been carried out by us so far as we could.

After dividing the funds on that basis we found that arrangements satisfactory to all interested parties, could be made to school half of those who would attend school in the old No. 3 house, in Sullivan at an expense of \$16.44 and the other half of the pupils at the centre school, thereby saving for the other School's upwards of \$60.00

After consulting with the parents of a majority of the scholars who would attend the school at Mill Village and receiving from them their approval of the plan it was decided

to unite these scholars with the centre school and give them their combined allotment of funds, believing that their opportunities would be greatly improved thereby, which plan gave all the out schools twenty three weeks of school, and insured thirty weeks to the scholars at the center and Mill Village.

The Scarlet Fever breaking out during the fall terms, your committee, after learning the facts, thought it best to close the schools at once, which was done, greatly disappointing many scholars with their teachers, who were prepared for public examinations, and were looking forward to them with well grounded confidence in their ability to win laurels for themselves. This was the case in all the schools save the one at South Stoddard, which was cut short on account of having to pay fifty cents per week extra for board of teacher there, which robbed the scholars of two weeks schooling. Mr. O. H. Harding gave one week's board for the benefit of the school there, and Mr. J. D. Cutter donated five dollars in board on spring term for the same object at the Center school.

SCHOOL No. 1.

SPRING TERM.

Length of school in weeks,	10.
Wages of teacher per month,	\$28.00
Number of scholars,	38.

FALL TERM.

Length of school in weeks,	11.
Wages of teacher per month,	\$28.00
Number of scholars,	51.

WINTER TERM

Length of school in weeks,	8.
Wages of teacher per month,	\$28.00

Number of scholars, 26.

Teacher during the year, Miss Mary A. Crosby.

To report that Miss Crosby taught this school would convince all who know her that the school was a success in every respect.

The teacher's efforts were met by the heartiest co-operation on the part of the scholars, and accounts for the very high marking on the register and the marked improvement made by the entire school. In deportment and attendance this was certainly the banner school.

SCHOOL No. 2.

SPRING TERM.

Length of school in weeks, 10.
Wages of teacher per month, \$21.00
Number of scholars, 20.

FALL TERM.

Length of school in weeks, 12.
Wages of teacher per month, \$21.00
Number of scholars, 20.
Teacher, Miss Kate A. Brown.

This school has for years been one of our best, and Miss Brown more than sustained her former reputation as a teacher, and we rank her as one of the best. The scholars deserve much credit for the progress they made and the interest shown by them.

SCHOOL No. 3. (at South Stoddard.)

SPRING TERM.

Length of school in weeks, 11.
Wages of teacher per month, \$23.00
Number of scholars, 24.

FALL TERM.

Length of school in weeks,	11.
Wages of teacher per month,	\$23.00
Number of scholars,	20.
Teacher,	Miss Mary L. Russell.

Miss Russell is a very successful teacher, and had the best school we have ever seen at that place. Example and precept work well together.

SCHOOL No. 4. (near J. M. Rices's.)

SPRING TERM.

Length of school in weeks,	10
Wages of teacher per month,	\$20.00
Number of scholars,	15.
Teacher,	Miss Jennie S. Hill.

FALL TERM.

Length of school in weeks,	15.
Wages of teacher per month,	\$22.00
Number of scholars,	14.
Teacher,	Miss F. Mabel Estabrooks.

The spring term here was not what we had hoped for, and so far as discipline is concerned it was a failure. Very little progress was made.

Miss Estabrooks took this school under adverse circumstances, but succeeded in turning defeat into a very commendable victory.

As a whole, the success of the schools the past year has been very satisfactory, and every one of them are in fine condition for winning new victories.

Many repairs are greatly needed at the center—a new floor, stove and doors are a necessity, and patching or replastering should follow.

At No. 2 we have the only comfortable school room in town.

At South Stoddard, although \$85.16 was expended last year, there is now as much more needed to make the room as it should be.

The house at the Mill Village is drowned out completely, Rendering it wholly unfit for school purposes.

The house in old No. 3 is going fast, and would need considerable repairs were it to be occupied.

The old No. 8 house has a fairly comfortable exterior but the interior is a relic of the past; the seats, like the "rack" are instruments of torture for the occupants.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Total fund expended by the Selectmen,	\$807.06
Amount raised by Taxation,	617.50
" Left over from 1884,	122.02
" Literary Fund,	69.54
" Raised for Repairs,	50.00
TOTAL,	\$1,668.12

EXPENDITURES.

Repairs on Houses and School Supplies,	\$117.99
Teacher's wages, including board,	546.50
Tuition & supplies for scholars sent to Sullivan,	16.44
Allotment to Nelson,	24.50
TOTAL,	\$705.43
Drawn of Town Treasurer,	712.50
Balance in my hands,	\$7.07
" in Town Treasury,	46.58
Total amount unexpended,	\$53.63

To encourage the scholars to greater efforts, I offered prizes of a \$1.00 book to the scholar in each school that ranked the highest in scholarship, deportment, and attendance during the term. They were won by the following pupils;—

Miss Carrie Sheldon.	Leon C. Parker
„ Gertie Spofford.	Willie A. Abbott.
„ Kate B. Curtis.	George Whittemore.
„ Hattie L. Jefts.	Fred E. Atwood.
„ Abbie S. Whittemore.	
„ Clara M. Dodge.	

That prizes do encourage greater effort on the part of the scholars; that money expended in educating the rising generation is a paying investment of public funds; and that more, rather than less is demanded by justice; are to me, axioms.

To you, the citizens of this town, we most respectfully submit this brief report, with the hope that your criticisms will not be too exacting; that your charities may grow large; and that you may never falter in well doing.

By your Servant, Edward B. Dodge,

FOR

E. B. Dodge,	}	Board
W. W. Robb		of
W. H. Chase		Education.

STODDARD, N. H., FEB. 22nd, 1886.



